

Wildlife Practicum – Herbivore Specialist

BC SPCA Wild ARC's Practicum Program offers an herbivore specialist option to build participants' skills in assessment, treatment, husbandry, and release evaluation for sensitive herbivores like Black-tailed Deer and Eastern Cottontail Rabbits.

Skills and experience:

- Comfortable and patient around a variety of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians
- Excellent communication, teamwork and observation skills
- Strong work ethic and ability to prioritize and work independently
- Previous wildlife rehabilitation or animal care experience is preferred

Responsibilities:

- Specializing in the daily care and treatment of sensitive herbivorous wild species
- Administration of medications and treatments for recovering wild herbivores
- Ensuring nutritional and enrichment needs of patients are met
- Maintaining complete and accurate patient records

This is a unique opportunity to help local wildlife while strengthening your animal husbandry skills and knowledge. Increase your awareness of local wildlife species and their natural history, and of urban wildlife issues and welfare. By completing this practicum, you can earn university course credit through UBC or accreditation through an internationally-recognized wildlife rehabilitation organization.

Time commitment

This practicum involves a full-time (three or four month) or a part-time (five or six month) voluntary placement. It is strongly recommended that participants not take on extra employment during the full-time practicum term.

Requirements for the position:

- ✓ 19 years or older
- ✓ Tetanus vaccine
- ✓ Good physical stamina and health
- ✓ Academic background in biological or environmental sciences, veterinary medicine or animal welfare studies preferred

Please send completed applications to the Assistant Manager at info@wildarc.com.